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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I	Basis of the report
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p> <p>2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on <i>(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)</i>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages <u>3-14</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* <u>1, 2, 2a</u> _____ received by this Authority on <u>11.03.2005 with the letter of 10.03.2005</u></p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* <u>1-22</u> _____ received by this Authority on <u>11.03.2005 with the letter of 10.03.2005</u></p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>1/9-9/9</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. <u>23</u> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
1. Statement	
Novelty (N)	Claims _____ YES Claims 1-22 _____ NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____ YES Claims 1-22 _____ NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-22 _____ YES Claims _____ NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)	<p>Claim 1 does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6 because the subject matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claim attempts to define its subject matter in terms of the result to be achieved ("means are provided...so that...are aligned in relation to each other").</p> <p>However, this wording is inadmissible because it appears possible to describe the subject matter of the application in more specific terms, for example by indicating how the effect is to be achieved (see, for example, claims 8 and 12-14; figures 1 and 2).</p> <p>The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1 and 22 is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>Document WO 02/063571 (D2; see, in particular, page 6, line 6 - page 8, line 6; claim 1; figures 1, 2, 5, 6) discloses a printer (1) with a housing (2), a printing unit (19), and a media unit (12, 13, 15, 17) for receiving the medium to be printed (13); the media unit comprises a carrier (10) and can be moved relative to the</p>

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printing unit, together with the carrier, in an insertion direction (arrow) to a working position, and in a direction contrary to the insertion direction out of the working position and at least partially out of the housing. The carrier comprises first lateral guide elements, in the manner of a drawer (67, 68), which interact with second guide elements in such a way that the carrier can be moved in the insertion direction and contrary to the insertion direction out of the housing. The printing unit is movable with play inside the housing and means (62-65) are provided to align the printing unit relative to the media unit, so that the printing unit and the media unit are aligned with each other when the media unit is inserted in the insertion direction.

Documents D1 and D3 also appear to disclose these technical features.

Claim 22

Claim 22 relates to a tachograph equipped with a printer as per claim 1, which is not novel. Claim 22 therefore also lacks novelty.

Claims 2-21

Dependent claims 2-21 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT novelty or inventive step requirements.